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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Senior Reclamation Specialist 

RE: Site Inspection, Gold Canyon Mining & Development, A- Z Minerals Mine, S/023/075, Juab County, Utah

Date of Inspection: August 1, 2001
Time of Inspection: 5:30 p.m.
Conditions: Clear, warm
Participants: David 'Sarge' Kiplinger and Donell Adair, Gold Canyon Mining & Development; and Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: Response to request for variance for salvaging topsoil.

The Division received the NOI for this project on July 26, 2001. The operator proposes to mine volcanic tuff via surface mining techniques and will have crushing and grinding on site. No new roads or improvement to roads are required. The NOI requested a variance to item #10 - topsoil salvage, stating that there was no topsoil available.

Upon arrival at the site, it was noted that there was about ½ acre of historic disturbance at the end of the hill the operator intends to mine. While there is some vegetation growing on the hill (10-20 percent ground cover), there was no distinguishable topsoil horizon. Vegetation (mostly sagebrush) is established on the volcanic tuff that is planned to be mined. Results of this inspection found that the requested variance is warranted and should be approved.

Several photos were taken to document site conditions.

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